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Leak. Michigan

▶ A worker watches water come out of a pipe in Talmadge Creek where booms have been set up to contain an oil spill in Marshall Township, Mich., near the Kalamazoo River Thursday.

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Enbridge spill worse than feared?

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has said it believes more than 3.8-million litres of oil leaked from a pipeline into a creek that feeds Michigan's Kalamazoo River. The state's governor is warning of a disaster should the oil reach Lake Michigan. More coverage, page 8.

Auto insurance to fall 5%

▶ The overall reduction could save Albertans about $30 a year on mandatory coverage ▶ The premium reduction will begin on Nov. 1

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Mandatory auto insurance may get a little cheaper thanks to a five per cent decrease courtesy of the Automobile Insurance Rate Board.

The decrease stems from the AIRB's annual insurance-rate review and was based on input from Albertans, the board's consumer representative and actuary, and insurers during an open meeting in June.

"This reduction is primarily the result of a projected decline in the number of bodily injury claims in the province this coming year," chair Alfred Savage said.

But Savage added whether that translates into actual savings is up to the private insurance companies.

"It does not include optional collision or comprehensive coverage," Savage said.

Doug Noble of the Insurance Bureau of Canada said it's critical to ensure customers are served by a healthy marketplace and insurance companies are kept solvent.

"It remains to be seen whether the AIRB's latest adjustment, which ignored the recommendations of its own actuary, will achieve that goal," Noble said.

Mandatory coverage

- Mandatory coverage required by law includes third-party liability and accident-benefits coverage.
- Since the introduction of auto-insurance reforms in 2004, premiums for mandatory coverage have decreased by 23 per cent, according to the AIRB.

Scene

MTV takes on issue of bullying

▶ New show looks beyond high school stereotypes ▶ "Jocks," "nerds," "burnouts" join together to offer new perspectives on life {page 22}

Venice film fest gets younger

Average age of competing directors drops to 47 {pages 16 & 17}

No Metro on Monday

Metro will not publish Monday, but will return Tuesday.

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MADD, province launch program for reporting suspected drunk drivers

The group Mothers Against Drunk Driving wants people throughout Alberta to report suspected impaired drivers to police.

MADD launched a new program Thursday along with the Alberta government and RCMP that calls on people to dial 9-1-1 when they see a suspected impaired driver.

Denise Dubyk with MADD lost her son Darryl to a drunk and says having thousands of people watching out for impaired drivers could help save a life. "Report An Impaired Driver and programs like it are an effective way for all of us to work together to prevent impaired driving deaths and injuries," she said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

$300K Estimated damage after an Airdrie fire that destroyed a house Wednesday. Investigators say linseed-soaked rags left to dry in a plastic bucket likely sparked the blaze. No one was injured.

Mother accused of murders ruled fit to stand trial

A mother in Alberta accused of killing her two young boys is mentally fit to stand trial.

That's the conclusion reached in a psychiatric report presented at a court hearing for Allyson McConnell in Wetaskiwin.

McConnell, 31, was charged with second-degree murder after the bodies of two-year-old Connor and 10-month-old Jayden McConnell were found February in a bathtub at her home in the community of Millet.

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▶ Canines and cars don't mix when the mercury is rising, says the Calgary Humane Society.

Keep dogs out of heat: Society

- In 29 C weather, it only takes 10 minutes for a car to heat up to 39 C
- Dogs mostly cool off by panting, which is far less efficient than sweating

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If there were an advertisement for leaving pets in the car, the slogan would be "just don't do it."

Brad Nichols, of the Calgary Humane Society, said they have already responded to 48 cases of dogs locked in hot cars so far this summer — and the average is typically about 200 over the summer months.

"That doesn't include the multiple people we have referred to Calgary police of Animal and by-law," he added.

"I think it's a case of people making bad decisions and not realizing how dangerous it can be for their animals."

Bylaw services director Bill Bruce said the city has also responded to about a dozen cases and if animals are distressed, owners can face a $100 fine.

"We get complaints and responded ASAP but in some cases the pet owner and pet are already gone. It's usually a case of education rather than enforcement," Bruce said.

"But in some cases, if the animal is in distress we will break into the car and take them to a veterinarian."

Tips

- Officials advise pet owners to leave their pets at home on hot days.
- If an animal is in the car, the windows need to be opened but not enough that people can have contact with the animals.
- The Alberta Animal Protection Acts states animals must be protected from injurious heat or cold

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City gets ready for a taste of the deep south

Though New Orleans may be thousands of miles away, the spirit of Mardi Gras will soon be hitting the streets of Calgary.

The 26th annual Marda Gras Street Festival incorporates the sights, sounds and smells of Louisiana, according to Bernadette Geronazzo, executive director of the Marda Loop business revitalization zone.

"We bring the food of New Orleans to the streets and ... jazz, rhythm and blues, Cajun and zydeco music," she said. "What we try to do is bring the splendor and colour and the Cajun cuisine."

The cuisine of the south will definitely be present, with numerous restaurants setting up booths.

"We do all southern, Louisiana-style food," said Susan Hopkins, owner of Red Tree Catering in Marda Loop.

Hopkins said some of their dishes include bourbon sticky ribs, blackened catfish and Louisiana lemonade.

"It's great because people love the fact that the smells are there," she said. "It's a real theme going on."

KATIE TURNER

Marda Gras

- Marda Loop's street festival started 26 years ago, but only became Marda Gras three years ago.
- The festival began as a way to draw Calgarians to Marda Loop's businesses.
- Bernadette Geronazzo said she introduced the theme because she thought it'd appeal to the masses.
- Marda Gras is taking place on August 8 and is open to the public.

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▶ Three rookie aldermen looking to make a run at another year on council said the experience gained will be put to use in the upcoming election.

From rookies to seasoned vets

Voters will have their say at the polls on Oct. 18
In 1976, the number of wards was expanded to 14 from 12

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What do aldermen Brian Pincott, Jim Stevenson, John Mar and Joe Connelly all have in common?

They were all rookie aldermen, elected to council in 2007.

With the exception of Ward 6 alderman Joe Connelly, who is gunning for the mayor's office in October, Mar, Pincott and Stevenson are all seeking re-election in their respective wards and all of them have learned a lot in the past three years.

"The learning curve is steep," said Mar — a sentiment echoed by Stevenson. Having been a veteran campaigner, Ward 11's Pincott said he knew what to expect.

"It's pretty much what I thought it would be, but I think the thing I learned most is you can't make everyone happy. No matter what you do there will be people who aren't," Pincott added.

All three aldermen running again said while they faced many ups, downs and challenges, they are all excited to run again and do an even better job, and they all had advice for incoming council members.

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New blood

- The face of council will change dramatically — the mayor is stepping down, Joe Ceci is retiring and so far three aldermen have announced they are running for mayor.
- Mayoral candidates need 100 signatures and a $100 deposit to run.
- Calgary mayors served two-year terms until 1968, when the Municipal Government Act increased the mayoral term to three years.

ARCTIC EXPEDITION

Cousins prep for icy trek

Two Calgary cousins are preparing to set sail on an expedition to Canada's Arctic.

Khloe Heard Wheattey, 18 and Jacob Swan, 16, are the only two Calgarians amongst a group of 79 students participating in Students on Ice 2010 youth expedition.

▶ Wheattey, 18

Preparing to go to university in the fall to study sciences, Wheattey said she thought the program would be a great introduction.

"It will be nice to see what's actually happening with all the climate changes," she said. "I know not many people get to go out to the arctic."

Program founder Geoff Green said the expedition gives students a whole new outlook on the world.

"(They gain) a really deep connection to the natural world," he said.

KATIE TURNER

What's with all the lady fish?

Alberta researchers say gender-bending fish in the province's rivers are sending a concerning message about whether the water is safe to drink.

Two University of Calgary professors have been monitoring a small species of minnow in the Red Deer and Oldman rivers. They found in some locations, females made up as much as 90 per cent of the population, far higher than the 55 to 60 per cent normally found.

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Sexual offender deported

A 44-year-old sexual offender has been deported from Calgary.

William Arthur Maguire was removed from jail and sent to an undisclosed location yesterday upon becoming eligible for full parole, according to a Canada Border Services Agency release.

Since January, 26 serious criminals have been deported from the Calgary area, according to the Agency.

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Albertans love eating out: Study

More Albertans ate out during the month of May as compared to April, according to a report released on Thursday by Statistics Canada.

Alberta showed a 1.9 per cent increase in recorded sales for food and drink services — the second highest in Canada next to Saskatchewan, which had a 2.1 per cent increase.

Nationally, sales in food and drink services jumped slightly by 0.1 per cent to nearly $4.1 billion, while the price of food in restaurants dropped 0.1 per cent.

While there was an increase in food services in Canada, sales in drinking place dropped 1.1 per cent.

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#2 Alberta showed the second-highest increase in sales.

BRETTE EHALT/FOR METRO CALGARY

▶ Kids from city hall's daycare teamed up with volunteers to harvest this year's crops of community garden goodies.

Kids, volunteers share harvest

'If you grow your own food, the energy required to move and process it is greatly reduced': City volunteer

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City of Calgary volunteers are reaping the veggies of their labour — and loving it.

City employees and children from City Hall Daycare celebrated the inaugural harvest of their community food garden, located on the south side of the Municipal Building.

Since June, 55 volunteer employees have taken on weekly TLC tasks for growing peppers, spinach, squash and more, said Ailey Roberts with the city.

Kids from City Hall Daycare have also tended to two raised beds as part of their outdoor school component, said garden co-ordinator Linsdey Teare.

The garden's goods will be donated to neighbouring residents at Edwards Place Senior Citizen Apartments.

Garden plans began in March. "We saw that a in number of municipalities, gardens have started to sprout up," said Pat Inglis with Environment and Safety Management. "We thought, 'Why couldn't we do it here?'"

By the numbers

- At least 40 community gardens already grow in Calgary, noted Pat Inglis with the city.
- An additional 40 garden applications came to Calgary Parks this year, Inglis said.
- 8,000 lbs. of soil, donated by Calgary Parks, was used for the Municipal Building Garden, according to co-ordinator Lindsey Teare.
- Of the $8,000 grant for the garden, less than $3,000 has been used, said Teare.

OFF-ROADING

When too much mud is too much

Across the city, mud enthusiasts are tinkering with their big trucks, quads and dirtbikes, ready to hit McLean creek over the long weekend for some off-roading.

But with all the rain the Calgary region has got lately, and more in the forecast, the park may not be ready for them.

"There must be some low-lying areas that are affected by the heavy rain in July," said Alberta Sustainable Resources spokesperson Dave Ealey.

"When the soil is damp, you can cause significant problems with vegetation in an area," said Ealey.

"There's also a good chance of silt getting into water systems."

PETER MCCARTNEY

Flood relief is 'inept,' says Swann

Opposition Leader David Swann is urging the Premier to give real assistance to Medicine Hat flood victims.

In an open letter to Ed Stelmach, Swann called the government's response to the disaster "callous and inept" and said immediate, on-site support must be provided. METRO CALGARY

Used-car firm faces 21 charges

GreatCarsandTrucks.com has been charged by the Alberta government.

The city-based firm promised a money-back guarantee to customers if it could not sell their used vehicles, but many never got their refunds, says a Service Alberta report. The firm faces 21 charges, says the report. METRO CALGARY

Thumbing a ride out of Calgary

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▶ Need a quick ride out of the city? Hitchhikers say the best pick in the west is right near Stoney Trail on Highway 1.

Thumbs out, eagerly awaiting a ride, hitchhikers will surely be out this long weekend, especially on the western parts of the Trans-Canada just past Canada Olympic Park.

Hitchers say the stretch of highway is the best place to get a ride west, even if just to the Petro-Canada off Highway 22 where one can meet a truck driver.

"I generally get picked up within 10-15 minutes here," said Cary, who hitches to Morley six times a week with his wife Faith.

He's been hitchhiking for 18 years and has only ever run into trouble once, when a drunk driver picked him up and hit the ditch several times on the ride home.

But he said almost every driver has been nothing but nice to him.

A Humpty's worker identifying herself as Steph, said the same can be said about the hitchers, who often come into the restaurant attached to Petro-Canada.

"Most of them are just travellers — this is what they do.

Out of bounds

Hitchhiking is technically illegal within the city limits.

- **Online** Sites like rideshare.ca are bringing the age-old art into the digital age.
- **Going west?** Many hitchhikers catch a ride from Canada Olympic Park to the truck stop on Highway 22, as they know all the traffic is going for long rides west.
- **Meeting place** Staff at the Humpty's on Highway 22 said hitchhikers often come through looking for truckers to hitch a ride with.

"There's a lot of stereotypes but I find they're actually really nice. Often they're the ones who tip the most actually."

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News in brief

Sniper Malvo killed more?

RICHMOND, Va. DC snipers Lee Boyd Malvo and John Allen Muhammad were supposed to have had help carrying out their deadly attacks, and they may have been involved in more shootings than officials suspected, according to a TV interview with actor William Shatner.

In a phone call from a Virginia prison, Malvo (above) told Shatner two others planned to help with the killings but they backed out and at least one was killed.

Also, Neil Blumberg, a psychiatrist who worked with Malvo, said he confessed to at least 42 shootings during the killing spree that culminated with 13 shootings and 10 deaths over three-weeks in 2002 that terrorized Washington.

Muhammad was executed last November.

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Truth about 'oldest man'

TOKYO. A man listed as the oldest living male in Tokyo in fact died 30 years ago, officials said after his body was found mummified in his bed.

Sogen Kato's family members had repeatedly chased officials away.

But police, who forced their way into the house Wednesday, found the body. Kato would have been 111 this year.

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No flying on Chelsea's day

RHINEBECK, N.Y. Chelsea Clinton's wedding site Saturday has been designated a no-fly zone by U.S. officials because of the celebrity guests.

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On brink of an historic tragedy

- Governor issues stark warning as oil spill threatens Lake Michigan
- Fish, snails, frogs, muskrats and even birds in danger, expert says

U.S. officials believe an Enbridge oil spill that has contaminated a major Michigan river is larger than first estimated.

Governor Jennifer Granholm is warning of a "tragedy of historic proportions" should the oil reach Lake Michigan some 130 kilometres away — and vacation communities that depend on it.

The Environmental Protection Agency said it believes more than 3.8 million litres of oil leaked from a pipeline into Talmadge Creek, which feeds the Kalamazoo River.

The oil has killed fish, coated other wildlife and emitted a strong, unpleasant odour.

Enbridge Inc., the Calgary-based energy transport giant, oversees the pipeline.

Workers and contractors are using vacuum trucks and absorbent booms to contain and clean the spill, and the company is bringing in more help, said Enbridge spokesperson Lorraine Grymala.

"We're getting them here as quickly as we can," Grymala said.

The overall work force on the spill Wednesday, for example, was likely more than 400 people.

EPA officials said they're ramping up efforts with air and water testing.

Local officials said they weren't concerned about municipal water supplies.

Anil Kulkarni, a mechanical engineering professor at Penn State University, said a quick response is vital to the river's ecology. Snails, frogs, muskrats and even birds eat, live and nest on or near the riverbank.

"The river banks are nearby. It has more potential to inflict damage because of the proximity to land.

"Anything that comes in contact with oil is going to be affected badly.

"It prevents the natural life of species, whether it's collecting food or anything else."

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Accident-prone?

Enbridge-related firms have been cited several times for violations in the Great Lakes region. Examples:

- Enbridge Energy spilled crude oil onto Wisconsin's Nemadji River in 2003.
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▶ This soaked muskrat, a Michigan oil spill victim, is being cleaned by rescue crews.

Panel says: Dump that salt shaker

The movers and shakers of the salt world want to pinch Canadians' penchant for sodium.

A panel of experts has offered Health Canada a host of recommendations on how to reduce people's salt intake.

It said manufacturers should lower the sodium content of their products over time to meet voluntary salt targets.

And Health Canada should set up an online mechanism for companies to commit to the sodium-reduction strategy.

It also wants provincial food and drug regulations to require that restaurant menus provide sodium content information.

The initial aim is to lower people's average daily sodium intake by about a third, to 2,300 mg, by 2016.

For adults, 1,500 mg of sodium a day is considered adequate, while 2,300 mg is the upper limit.

Research suggests that reducing the amount of dietary sodium to recommended levels could prevent premature deaths from heart disease and strokes in 30 to 40 Canadians a day — saving 11,000 to 15,000 lives a year.

The 25-member panel, chaired by Health Canada, included representatives from food manufacturing and the food service industry, scientists, consumer groups and government.

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No salt, please

A panel of experts wants to reduce your salt intake. Among the recommendations:

- Revamp food labels to make sodium levels clearer.
- Force restaurants to list the amount of sodium in each dish.
- Make companies use the same serving sizes in the nutrition-facts table on product labels.
- Update Canada's Food Guide with more information about sodium.

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Monsoons deluge Pakistan

Rains impede humanitarian response Crops in farmlands soaked

Rivers burst their banks during deadly monsoon rains lashing Pakistan, washing away streets, battering a dam and submerging thousands of homes, officials said Thursday.

The hardest hit region was the northwest, where at least 60 people died and hundreds of thousands were stranded.

People were forced to trudge through knee-deep water in some streets in the Swat Valley. A newly constructed part of a dam in the Charsadda district collapsed, while the U.N. said it had reports that 5,000 homes were underwater in that area.

At least 10 of 60 people reported dead in the previous 24 hours died near Peshawar when their homes crumbled.

Dozens of people were reported missing, including at least nine Chinese construction workers in the Kohistan area. Some 200 other Chinese workers were trapped amid the downpour, said Mian Iftikhar Hussain, the information minister for Khyber-Pakhtoonkhwa, the northwest province.

He said it was the worst floods in the region since 1929 and estimated 400,000 people were stranded in various villages.

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We rely on the private sector to feed us, to dress us, to provide us with a roof over our heads.

We let private companies repair our vision and pull our teeth. But allow the private sector into a hospital? Never! We prefer letting our fellow citizens die on a waiting list.

The health care system is cracking and throwing money at the problem won't fix it. Competition, even if not a miracle solution, could help.

We can harness the knowledge and talent of our entrepreneurs, doctors and nurses. I say let them compete against each other in an effort to attract us into their hospital.

Would this leave us with an American-style healthcare system? No. Rather, with one similar to what Europe's social-democratic countries enjoy.

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In Sweden, the most efficient hospital, and the one most appreciated by Swedes, is listed (horror!) on the stock exchange.

In France, 40 per cent of hospitals are privately

"The health care system is cracking."

owned and for profit. Each citizen has access to these hospitals' doctors and first-class equipment — all paid for by the State.

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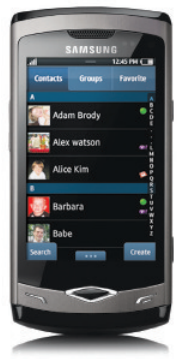

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5 MINUTES WITH: KIMBERLY JEV

Kimberly Jev is the creator, director and editor in chief of www.calgaryfashion.ca.

What made you want to start Calgary Fashion?
A while back I noticed a gap in online reporting of fashion in the city and I thought, "There we go, people say there's no 'fashion' in Calgary, now I can just show it instead of getting upset at ignorant remarks." The site would speak for itself and for the industry that exists in Calgary.

Explain how it's grown over the last few years.
Well, it all started with one, which was me, then went up to a team of six and now we are a full house of photographers, fashion journalists, videographers, and so much more … It's now grown into this media company that not only reports, but promotes events and shows in the city.

How do you use social media to spread the word about fashion?
We use social media because it's exactly that — social. Fashion is a social affair; it just makes sense. Social media has opened us up to so many people, not just in Calgary, but around the world … It's an exhilarating feeling knowing people across the way in Australia, for example, are taking in the information, seeing the hard work that goes into Calgary Fashion.

What are your hopes for Calgary and its fashion industry?
I'd like to see more boutiques in the city. I'd also like more up-and-coming designers from Calgary to strive for placement in stores around the city and across the country. I know it's not easy, but designers really have to think about taking it one step further. It's one thing to show at fashion weeks, but what good is a fashion show without being able to purchase a collection or pieces of a collection from a store based in your city?

What's a hot trend in Calgary right now?
The fashion mantra we constantly send out to Calgary is that trends come and go so we don't pay too much attention. The challenge is to develop your own style without fear, because originality and individuality is the mark of true fashion … A more conscious approach to fashion is what we think is Calgary's hottest trend right now! METRO CALGARY

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When world stops turning

Letters & Tweets

We asked: If you could come back as a person, place or thing, what would it be?

TORONTO. If I could come back as anything it would be the Earth. Then I would proceed to stop rotating on my axis, just long enough for all you humans to fall off. It's about time we started taking care of our planet and not being so greedy and self-centred — that we are willing to kill the place in which we live in order to get more than the next guy.
JAMES BROWN

CALGARY. Possessing a "social heart" is not enough to run a complex city such as this. You need serious administrative experience, which Barb Higgins does not have. She says she is a fiscal conservative. Are we to simply take her word for it? Managing a household is not the same as managing a city's finances.

Ralph Klein was one-in-a-million, and his go-getter, no-nonsense personality lent itself to the strides he made.

If Calgarians want their city to be in experienced, capable hands, Ric McIver is the only choice. Most politicians are models when it comes to an election year. McIver behaves as if every year is an election year — he performs for the voter.
CARL WADE

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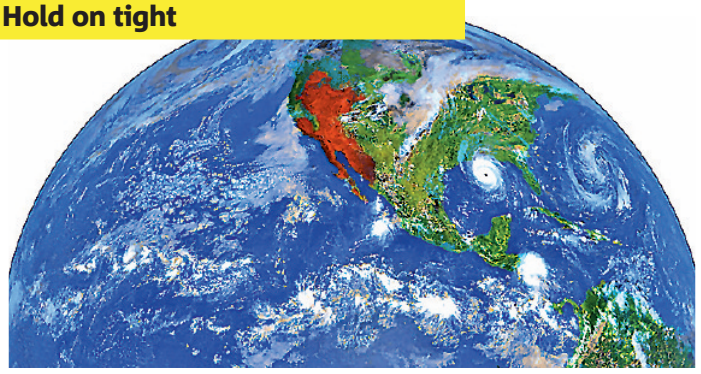

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Metro Minute with naked Calgarians

Get naked — or see others naked, at least — at the Calgary Fringe Festival's 101 Naked Calgarians photography exhibit today at 5 p.m. in The Space, 1222 – 9th Ave. SE.

"This exhibit demystifies the notion that we're all 21-year-old runway models," said Blair Gallant, curator of the project. "It features all ages, ethnicities, and body shapes. Everyone under the sun."

After taking in a year's worth of pictures on-screen, you can choose to be photographed for next year's exhibit. Or not.

"We shouldn't define ourselves based on external appearance," Gallant said. "This is about getting to a healthier place."
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Three days to play

WOULD YOU VOTE FOR BARB HIGGINS JUST BECAUSE SHE'S A WOMAN?

Nicky Arsenault
CALGARY
Possibly. I don't know the other candidates.

Candice Giammarino
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▶ Mark Wahlberg, right, Will Ferrell, left, and Steve Coogan ham it up in The Other Guys, in theatres next week.

Who said Wahlberg can't have some fun?

The Departed star pairs up with Will Ferrell in cop comedy The Other Guys ◐ Actor sheds brooding tough guy image to 'look ridiculous'

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One of the biggest surprises in store for moviegoers this summer won't be found in the last few seconds of Inception.

The real revelation is that Mark Wahlberg is seriously funny, a fact audiences will come to realize when The Other Guys hits theatres.

"If you come from a different background — doing serious films — and you try to do a broad comedy and it's not funny, you're probably not going to get the chance to do it again," Wahlberg says of his decision to dive into the comedy fray.

Luckily he teamed up with some strong comedic talent. The movie co-stars Will Ferrell and was directed and written by Adam McKay, who helmed some of Ferrell's earlier hits, including Anchorman and Talladega Nights. Considering that Ferrell and McKay's relationship spans their days at Saturday Night Live starting in 1995, the co-founding of FunnyorDie.com and the birthing of some of Ferrell's most beloved roles, Wahlberg easily could have taken a back seat.

But rather than play the patsy and let them have all the fun, the actor exploits his brooding tough guy image, perfected in roles such as his Oscar-nominated turn in The Departed, and turns in a side-splittingly funny performance that's neck-and-neck with Farrell's.

"It was really just about letting go, being fearless, not being afraid to look ridiculous and have people laugh at you instead of with you," Wahlberg explains. "Coming from the background I come from, you can be a little self-conscious. It's OK to be cool but it's not OK to be corny. That's something I've dealt with over the years as an actor; not worrying what people think."

Making his Mark

Here are some funny films that Wahlberg's acted in:

- **Date Night (2010)** Plays a security pro who's always shirtless. Not a funny character per se but the bare-body shtick brings laughs.
- **I Heart Huckabees (2004)** Wahlberg's turn as a firefighter opposed to petroleum was worthy of some chuckles.

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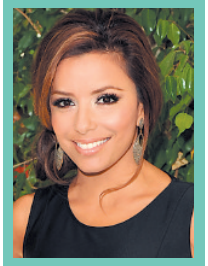

Eva Longoria Parker helped the Hollywood Foreign Press Association hand out nearly $1.5 million US in grants to non-profit film organizations this week. The Museum of Modern Art and American Cinematheque were among recipients.
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Film festival at Venice turns younger

Sofia Coppola film, Canadian/Italian venture Barney's version among those in lineup ● The average age of competing directors drops to 47

Sofia Coppola's comic drama Somewhere, Darren Aronofsky's Black Swan, and the Canadian/Italian film Barney's Version will make their world premieres at the Venice film festival.

Festival director Marco Mueller emphasized the young age of the directors competing at the festival's 67th edition — averaging 47, the youngest ever.

Despite their age, many of the young directors come to Venice experienced. Oscar-winner Coppola, 39, will showcase her movie starring Stephen Dorff as a bad-boy actor struggling through life. Aronofsky, 41, returns to Venice with a psychological thriller two years after winning the top prize for his drama The Wrestler.

Black Swan stars Natalie Portman, Mila Kunis and Winona Ryder.

Bringing up the average is 78-year-old U.S. director Monte Hellman, who will be premiering his indie feature Road to Nowhere, about a young writer who gets caught up in a crime.

"The average age drops to 45.52 without him," Mueller quipped.

Only one director is making his debut, Ascanio Celestini with La Pecora Nera (Black Sheep), a play that has been redone for film. That compares with five directorial debuts last year. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

▶ The Venice lineup: From left, Sofia Coppola will be premiering her film Somehwere; Natalie Portman stars in Black Swan; and Dustin Hoffman has a role in the Canadian/Italian film Barney's Version.

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DROLL DUOS SHOW SOME CHEMISTRY

When people talk about chemistry in movies most often they refer to the sexual sparks that fly — or not — between the leading man and woman, but it's just as important between actors who aren't necessarily going to fall into bed clinched in a mad embrace.

That connection — as elusive and indefinable as it may be — is just as important to comic actors as jokes or pratfalls. Laurel and Hardy had it. So did Abbot and Costello. And so do Steve Carell and Paul Rudd, who team up for a third time in this weekend's Dinner for Schmucks. Here are some other droll duos:

Matthau and Lemmon

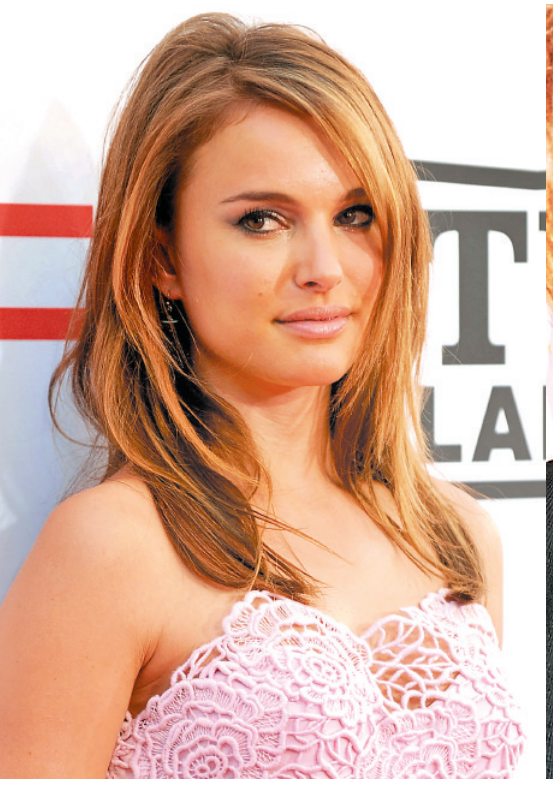
Jack Lemmon called Walter Matthau the "best actor I've ever worked with." Playing off the differences in their personalities and appearances they made nine films together, some classic — The Odd Couple — some not — Grumpier Old Men — but whatever the movie they had an ease about them that couldn't be faked. Their on-screen relationship is best summed up with this classic Odd Couple quote: "You're crazy!" says Felix Ungar (Lemmon) to Oscar (Matthau). "I'm a neurotic nut, but you're crazy!"

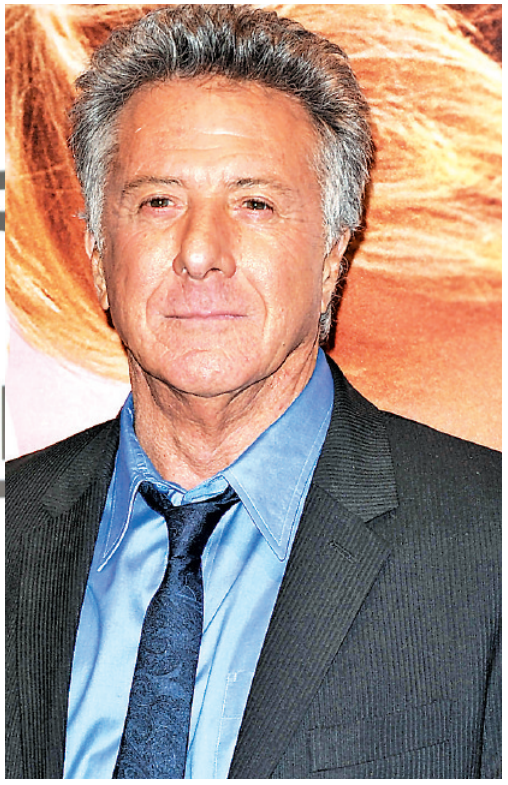
Stiller and Wilson

In early aughts it seemed like you couldn't have one without the other. Described as "the yin and yang of Hollywood A-listers" Ben Stiller — dark and edgy — and Owen Wilson — laconic and expressive — made four films together in four years — Meet the Parents, Zoolander, Starsky & Hutch and the Royal Tenenbaums — and say that even if the film work dried up they would still find a way to work together. "I think it will keep on going," says Stiller. "I would like to think we would be in the Marina doing Community Theater," adds Wilson. When asked what kind of show they would do he says with a grin, "It would probably be a one man show. Ben would play a supporting role."

Pryor and Wilder

Roger Ebert said Richard Pryor and Gene Wilder "make a good team, Wilder with what he calls his 'low-key high energy,' Pryor with his apparent ability to con anybody out of anything." The pair was magic on screen but apparently didn't always see eye to eye off screen. Although they made four movies together they apparently didn't hang out when the cameras weren't rolling. Wilder claimed that Richard Pryor's cocaine addiction made him difficult to be around.





Festival highlights

Taste of Europe

German director Tom Tykwer will premier his movie Drei and Tunisian-born director Abdellatif Kechiche will be back in Venice with Venus Noire. The French director premiered La Graine et Le Mulet (The Secret of the Grain) at Venice in 2007.

Clooney no show

Lido regular and part-time Italian resident George Clooney isn't expected again this year. Aronofsky's movie got tagged for the opening slot, and the U.S. release of Clooney's new film, The American, was already scheduled for Sept. 1 — the opening day of the festival.

"We put together an opening night of which we are very proud," Mueller said.

In the end, Clooney's picture, a thriller shot largely in the quake-stricken region of Abruzzo, is absent from the festival lineup.

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Number of world premieres to be shown at the Venice Film Festival from Sept.1-11.

Afflecks in the house

The Affleck brothers — Ben and Casey — both will be in Venice, but on separate projects. Ben Affleck is premiering The Town, out of competition, his second film as director after Gone Baby Gone. He also stars in the movie as a bank robber who has fallen for a bank manager he met on a heist. Casey Affleck will be showing his documentary I Am Still Here: The Lost Year of Joaquin Phoenix.

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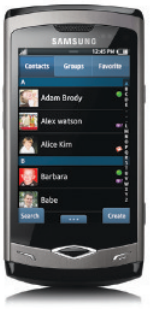

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Theatre companies

Filmmaker Michael Moore to unveil plan aimed at restoring downtown U.S. movie theatres Offers to provide funding for grants and training

For generations, Americans viewed films in stately, single-screen theatres that were pillars of city business districts — an experience that faded with the rise of suburban multiplexes and the decline of downtowns.

Michael Moore wants to bring those theatres back. The Academy Award-winning documentary filmmaker has a plan to refurbish or prop up downtown movie houses in his home state of Michigan — and eventually nationwide.

Such efforts have been made before. But Moore's approach has a twist, modeled on the successful resurrection of the State Theatre in Traverse City, his adopted hometown in northern Michigan.

The way to rescue downtown movie houses, Moore says, is to run them as non-profit ventures staffed mostly with volunteers. That slashes costs and gives the community a stake in the theatre's survival, he says.

Moore plans to provide grants and training to theatre operators who use those methods. The money would come from a fund he's creating with his rebate from a state film tax credit earned by producing his documentary, Capitalism: A Love Story, in Michigan. He expects the refund to total about $1 million.

"One of our goals is to create an economic boost, particularly in struggling downtown areas," he told The Associated Press this week during the annual Traverse City Film Festival, which he and others established six years ago. "Another is to save the art of cinema and encourage great films to be made."

The Flint native moved to the Traverse City area in 2003 and took an interest in the State Theatre on the resort town's main street. Opened in 1916, it had become a shuttered relic.

"I just felt bad every time I passed it," Moore said.

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▶ Ellen Elliott, manager of the nonprofit and volunteer-run Penn Theatre in Plymouth, Mich.

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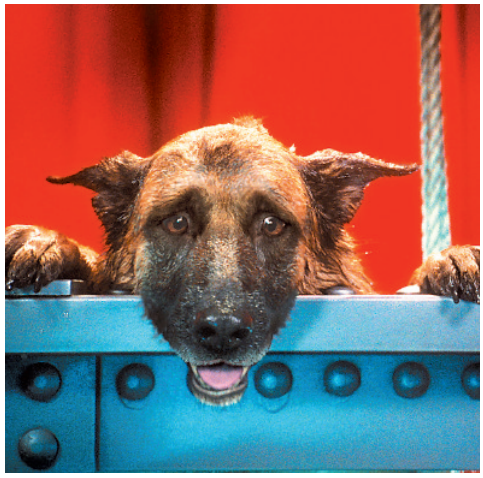

Cats and Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore
Genre: Family
Director: Brad Peyton
Stars: James Marsden, Bette Midler
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The smartest gags in Cats and Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore happen when you least expect it, snuck in as throwaway lines during transitions or in the backgrounds of scenes.

For example, as our two lead dog secret agents (voiced by Nick Nolte and James Marsden) trot through headquarters, a loudspeaker announces a birth announcement, congratulating a canine agent on his new "son, daughter, daughter, son, son and daughter." Or there's the name of the head of the feline spy service, voiced by Roger Moore: Tab Lazenby.

For James Bond aficionados, that's a cute nod. Unfortunately, these gems are pretty well hidden. Most of the humour at the forefront, on the other hand, tends toward broad puns and sight gags. But then, this is a movie that clearly caters to its young audience. Kids will love it. Parents will have to keep their eyes peeled for the rare gems.

In the follow-up to the surprisingly charming 2001 Cats and Dogs, the canines and felines have to begrudgingly team up to take on the titular Kitty Galore (voiced by Bette Midler, digging into each and every syllable), a former feline agent who is hell-bent on taking over the world after being rejected by her human minders following a freak fur-removing accident.

That leaves a brash newbie (Marsden), his veteran partner (Nolte) and a wary feline counterpart (Christina Applegate) to stop her.

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Dinner for Schmucks
Genre: Comedy
Director: Jay Roach
Stars: Paul Rudd, Steve Carell
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One of the many, many problems with Dinner for Schmucks is that it takes its sweet time before mentioning the dinner of the title — and then is even more leisurely in getting its stars (Paul Rudd and Steve Carell) to the table — that the whole occasion begins to feel like an afterthought.

Rudd's Tim hopes to please his boss (Bruce Greenwood) by attending a monthly dinner where each guest has to bring the biggest idiot they can find so that everyone can laugh at their expense. When he meets Barry (Carell), he thinks he might have a winning loser.

The films spends so much time establishing that Barry means well, even if he's a moron, and Tim's really a nice guy, even if he is going along with the dinner, that the audience ends up resenting them both.

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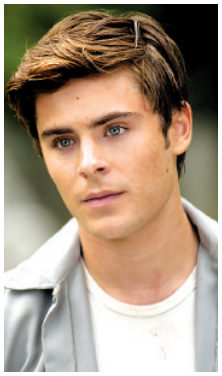

Charlie St. Cloud
Genre: Drama
Director: Burr Steers
Stars: Zac Efron, Amanda Crew
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You ought to pity poor Charlie St. Cloud. Sure, he's a sailing sensation with cutie-pie looks but the kid just lost his younger brother in an accident.

In fact, Charlie (Zac Efron) is so haunted that he begins talking to tombstones and playing catch with his sibling's ghost. Crazy yes, but in this melodramatic hokum, the insanity is still no match against Efron's crystal blue eyes when it comes winning the beating hearts of young Tess (Amanda Crew).

Presumably, that goes for the movie's demographic as well since capturing Efron's dreamy looks in a magical light overcompensates for lack of compelling dialogue and plot. If that's enough for you, enjoy. For the rest, the only pity you'll be feeling will be for yourself.

STEVE GOW

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▶ Selena Gomez , left, and Joey King star in Ramona and Beezus

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▶ Angelina Jolie stars in Salt — which opened last weekend.

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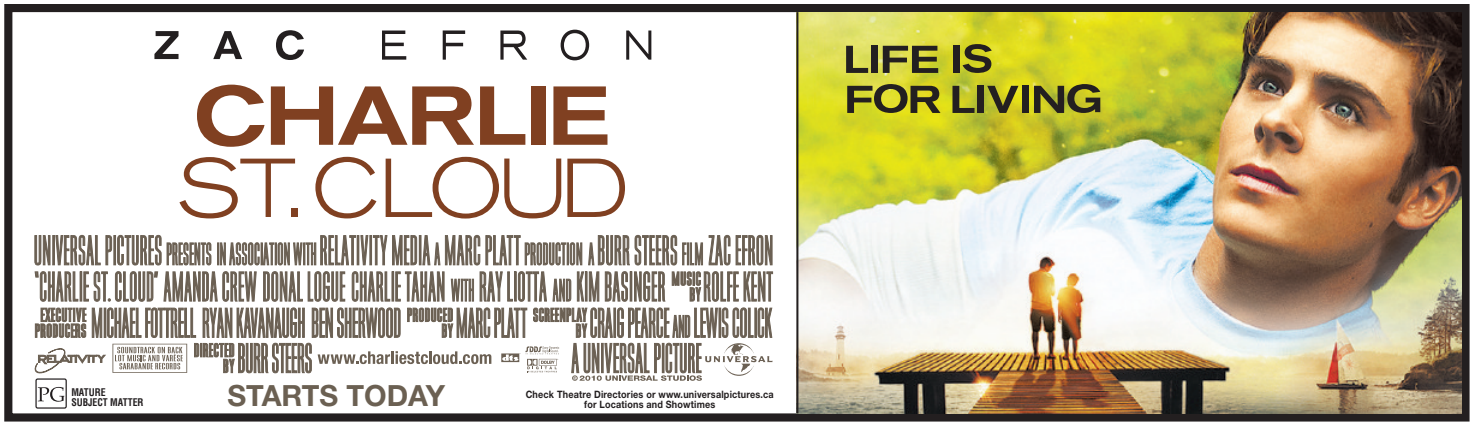

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Lucci Tell-All

TV
Susan Lucci, the woman who waited years to finally win her first Emmy Award is about to tell-all. The Associated Press reports the longtime star of All My Children — where she plays Erica Kane — will release her memoir next year. It will be published by It Books, part of the HarperCollins family.

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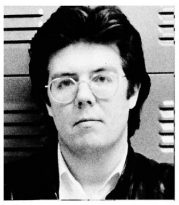
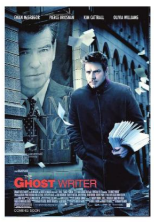


Tribute
The Traverse City Film Festival honoured late director John Hughes with its Michigan Filmmaker Award this week. A native of Lansing, Hughes — the creator of films like The Breakfast Club and Sixteen Candles — died last year at the age of 59.

The Ghost Writer

Movies
Roman Polanski is no longer under house arrest, and next Tuesday his latest film will be released on DVD. The film, about a ghostwriter hired to complete the memoirs of a former British prime minister, stars Ewan McGregor and Pierce Brosnan. Canadian siren Kim Cattrall is also in the movie.



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Metro pick

▶ A New York magazine article looks at the eclectic career of actor, director and author James Franco.

Is Franco for real?

Celebrity In its Aug. 2 issue, New York magazine asks the question everyone is wondering in its cover story: Is James Franco for real? Writer Sam Anderson follows the grad student around NYU, trying to answer the question, looking at his eclectic career as a blockbuster actor, director, author and strange stint on the soap General Hospital.
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Mix of Six

Festival

Inglewood Sun Fest
Head to 9th Ave. SE today (only) to participate in Inglewood's 8th annual Sunfest: see live entertainment, shop from vendors, eat great food, and enter the Family Fun Zone — or the Saloon beer garden. On until 5 p.m.

Theatre

Guys & Dolls
Summerstock theatre, Calgary's only outdoor live musical production company, and Westmount Charter School perform their rendition of Guys and Dolls at 6.36 p.m. at Olympic Plaza every night this weekend. Tickets: $12.

Event

Ghost Walk
Get your haunt-on Saturday night with a Downtown Ghost Walk. See what public buildings and restaurants are occupied; meet at the base of the Calgary Tower at 7:30. Visit calgaryghosttours.com.

Okotoks Arts Exchange
You'll need your lawn chair to really enjoy the musicians, choirs, actors, and dancers around McRae St. this weekend. Get there before the event wraps up at 6 p.m. on Sunday.

The Fringe
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Pets

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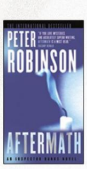

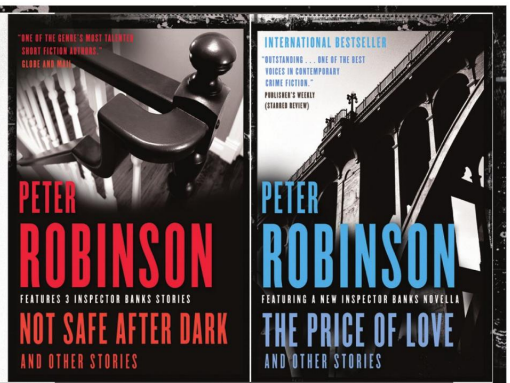

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When I was invited to the High Voltage Festival in London last weekend, I made all kinds of cracks about the lineup being terminally geriatric. I had visions of signs above the backstage entrance that read "YOUR PROSTATE MUST BE THIS BIG FOR YOU TO PERFORM!"

I mean, Argent? They hadn't played together in 38 years. Uriah Heep was going to run through their entire 1972 album, Demons and Wizards. The combined age of ZZ Top is 182; for Emerson, Lake and Palmer (together for the first time since 1998), it's 187. Ian Hunter was going to sing All the Young Dudes again — even though he just turned 71.

I joked about the average age of the crowd, too, and the need for walkers and wheelchairs. But in the end, I was dead wrong.

Instead of a barrage of irrelevant, outdated songs by over-the-hill performers, I witnessed how enduring and ageless good rock 'n' roll really is. Bachman-Turner (Bachman-Turner Overdrive in all but name) cranked out their still-muscular hits. There were a couple of 20-somethings next to me who not only new all the words to even the deep album tracks but sang their parts in perfect harmony.

Over on the metal stage, the legendary Saxon bludgeoned an appreciative audience of young metalheads. On the prog stage, Dweezil Zappa's young band ripped through some Mothers of Invention material so effortlessly it would have brought a tear to dad's eye. And it was fascinating to watch all the rockers, punks and metal freaks pay their respects to the late Ronnie James Dio as Heaven and Hell — the collaboration between Dio and Tommy Iommi and Geezer Butler from Black Sabbath — played their last-ever set with Glenn Hughes (ex-Deep Purple and one-time Sabbath singer in the non-Ozzy years) on vocals.

And despite the wide availability of alcohol I did not see a single drunk person. Not one. And there were no police anywhere, either. There were security personnel to be sure, but no bobbies anywhere on the festival site.

At Heathrow, I found myself behind Randy Bachman in the security line. He was as giddy as a kid. "Wasn't it amazing?" he gushed. Yes. Yes, it was.

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▶ Randy Bachman.

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MTV takes shot at school bullying

Jocks, nerds, burnouts and stoners The names may vary but almost every student in high shcool is well aware of the labels

A new show on MTV attempts to help students look past stereotypes. The network hypes If You Really Knew Me as a real-life version of The Breakfast Club.

Each episode focuses on a different school, where students go through a program called Challenge Day. They share experiences with each other in exercises designed to cut down on bullying and gossiping.

The cameras follow five students before, during and after the program. One self-professed jokester realizes how much his words hurt when he picks on an overweight student. Classmates are surprised when they hear a popular cheerleader talk about how she doesn't feel pretty or cool enough.

Another student, 18-year-old Leikin Poppino, attended Challenge Day last year at Freedom High School in Oakley, Calif., and said it works.

"It was such a positive experience. It changed people for the better."
LEIKIN POPPINO, CHALLENGE DAY ATTENDEE AT FREEDOM HIGH SCHOOL IN OAKLEY, CALIF.

"It was such a positive experience," said Poppino. "It changed people for the better."

But a big question is whether the change lasts.

Freedom High had a "miraculous change" for about a week after the program, Poppino said. After that, the responsibility fell on those kids who took part to keep the momentum going.

"There would be moments when somebody would say something in class and it would be the kid who went through Challenge Day to say, 'Hey, you shouldn't say that or do that.'"

Students are surprisingly in touch with their emotions, said Sela Gaglia, who has worked for Challenge Day for 11 years.

Even when students are resistant, once they understand that the Challenge Day leaders are genuinely concerned, "the walls come down," Gaglia said.

Gaglia is optimistic about the impact the show could have on viewers and believes it will give hope to students who "really do believe that they're alone."

If You Really Knew Me airs in Canada on Mondays at 10 p.m. ET.

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TV picks

Friday Night Lights

TV Tensions hit a peak on Friday Night Lights as the big Panthers-Lions game approaches, leaving everyone in Dillon on edge. Upping the stress is coach Taylor, who decides to bench star player Luke for the game. Elsewhere, Tami considers issuing a public apology to the school board for the abortion controversy.
(Friday, Global, NBC)

Students on The Beat

TV A group of Vancouver high-school students survey the gritty Downtown Eastside on the reality series The Beat. Constable Shane Aitken leads the class on the tour, which is disturbing to some of the teens but also drives home the realities of addiction. Later, the whole Eastside community is up in arms when the government shuts down a safe injection site.
(Friday, Citytv)

Julia Roberts triple bill

TV A Julia Roberts triple bill airs as momentum builds for her new film Eat, Pray, Love, which hits theatres Aug. 31. In the lineup is Ocean's Eleven, Mona Lisa Smile and The Mexican.
(Saturday, Showcase Diva)

The Passionate Eye on ABBA

TV This instalment of The Passionate Eye may turn some viewers into dancing queens. That's because the documentary series is airing the song-and-dance-filled film The Mamma Mia Story, about the global appeal of the smash musical that features ABBA songs. According to the show's website, over 42 million people all around the world have gone to see the feel-good mother-daughter story that's set in Greece.
(Saturday, CBC NN)

Yule tide time for Mad Men

TV It may be summertime in North America, but on Mad Men, it's Christmas and the cocktails are flowing as the agency holds a holiday party. The festivities suffer from a serious buzzkill, though, when a surprise and "not-so-welcome visitor" arrives late.
(Sunday, AMC)

Famous faces on Entourage

TV Pop star Jessica Simpson and ex-boxer Mike Tyson guest star on Entourage. Ari tries to court the two when he detects that Lizzie may be plotting against him. Vince, meanwhile, is busy getting to know porn star Sasha Grey. (Sunday, HBO Canada, The Movie Network, Movie Central)
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The Talk will give hosts a chance to speak their minds

Former Roseanne star Sara Gilbert gathers some top TV talent for new day time talk show

Sara Gilbert, producer and co-host of the new CBS daytime show "The Talk," said she will share her life as a lesbian partner and mom on the air when it seems right.

But Leah Remini, among the six co-hosts, said she has no plans to make her religion, Scientology, part of the show.

"Not at all," Remini told a session of the Television Critics Association, adding, "I love to make people laugh, entertain them. That other thing is something that is not even part of my discussion."

Gilbert spoke up for Remini.

"It's also really dangerous to look at people through one lens … Leah is a brilliantly funny, real, dynamic person with a lot of parts to her," said Gilbert, the former Roseanne co-star.

Asked about whether The Talk would echo ABC's The View, another daytime talk show with female hosts, Gilbert said that shows can have the same format but differ in nature, citing the David Letterman-Jay Leno late-night programs.

Gilbert, who said she developed the idea to create a meeting ground for women and mothers, has two children with her partner, Allison Adler. The actress was asked why a news release announcing the CBS show listed the partners of the other co-hosts, all straight, but not hers.

Gilbert replied that the decision was hers and that a network press release wasn't the first place she wanted to launch a discussion of her personal life. As an actress, it hasn't been necessary to discuss her sexuality and it doesn't dominate her perspective, she said.

"I don't think of things as 'out' or 'in,'" she said. "I just think I am who I am. I'll share it when it seems right."

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▶ From left to right, actress Leah Remini, actress Marissa Jaret Winokur, actress Sara Gilbert and television personality Julie Chen arrive at the press tour party. The four, along with actress Holly Robinson Peete and television personality Sharon Osbourne will host The Talk.

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Kudrow prescribes laughs in web show

Actress plays self-absorbed therapist in online series

Former Friends star Lisa Kudrow is making herself laugh.

She's reading tweets written by her character, Fiona Wallice, on the online show Web Therapy, which recently completed its third season. Each segment runs about 3 minutes to 16 minutes.

Kudrow's character is a self-absorbed therapist who isn't interested in listening to people's issues. She's decided that 3-minute sessions by webcam are sufficient to diagnose a patient and dole out advice. The conversation often veers off-topic and onto Wallice.

Web Therapy is available on Hulu, lstudio.com and for purchase on iTunes. Each webisode plays out like viewers are looking at an actual computer screen with Kudrow and a co-star interacting in double boxes over web chat.

Unlike Fiona, who likes to keep her sessions brief, Therapy is expanding to other mediums. Showtime has picked up the series to combine and air as half-hour episodes. Additional material will be added to fill out the stories.

"Fiona is unabashedly self-serving," Kudrow explained in a recent phone interview from Los Angeles. "She doesn't even do a good job in covering it up. She just thinks everyone else is really stupid (and) she's the smartest person. Ever."

In one episode, a patient says to Fiona, "I was getting the impression the last couple of sessions that I was boring you," to which she responds, "I'm not bored. I mean I have enough of an intellectual life to keep interested in anything even you can say."

Victor Garber plays Fiona's husband, Kip, who may or may not be gay. Julia Louis-Dreyfus played Fiona's sister in the show's most recent season. Guest stars have included Jane Lynch, Selma Blair and Steven Weber.

the app advice

- **There's an i Phone** app that Kudrow likens to a therapy version of the Magic 8-Ball. Users type in a problem and get a response from Kudrow's character, such as: "Well, that's a ridiculous idea."

The dialogue is mostly improvised, and actors wear an earpiece for director Don Roos to keep them on track.

"It's really fun," said Kudrow, who describes the process as "just listening and responding and then knowing that somewhere off in the distance we need to find our way over to a point."

One of the most noteworthy aspects of Wallice is her voice, which Kudrow slips in and out of when talking about the character.

"I started with a friend who is really sexy, brilliant, articulate. ... This woman is like a hero to me," she said. "I thought that's who Fiona thinks she is, so I started with her. That voice. And then it filtered through my comedy factory which turns everyone into an idiot."

Kudrow recently took up tweeting. She doesn't feel comfortable doing it herself, so she tweets as Fiona.

"Her first tweets we have her not understanding what it is at all. She goes on and on and so it gets cut off so you'll see in the middle of a word it stops,"she laughed.

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▶ Lisa Kudrow plays therapist Fiona Wallice in Web Therapy.

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▶ Rascal Flatts

Rascal Flatts gets new label

Rascal Flatts has a new home. The country music titans will release their new album, Nothing Like This, on Big Machine Records on Nov. 16.

Big Machine also is the home of Taylor Swift, giving the independent label two of country music's most bankable acts.

The Disney Music Group shuttered the band's only previous label, Lyric Street, in April.

Bassist Jay DeMarcus called the new partnership with Big Machine "a perfect fit" and says label president and CEO Scott Borchetta understands what the band is trying to accomplish.

The band will immediately release its latest single, Why Wait, to country radio stations.

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No charges filed against others

State investigation of seven other medical professionals who treated deceased pop star dropped.

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Dr. Conrad Murray (left).

State investigators probing the death of Michael Jackson have decided not to file charges against seven doctors who treated him, authorities said Wednesday.

The doctors were part of an investigation by state Attorney General Jerry Brown's Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement, spokeswoman Christine Gasparac said.

One doctor whose name was not released has been referred to the California Medical Board for prescribing drugs to a Jackson alias, she said.

Candis Cohen, a board spokeswoman, declined to confirm the action, saying complaints and investigations were not public record.

Jackson's personal doctor, Conrad Murray, has pleaded not guilty to felony involuntary manslaughter in the singer's death. Authorities say Murray provided Jackson with a mix of sedatives, including a powerful anesthetic that killed him.

Los Angeles police who investigated the death had asked state and federal investigators to look into the prescribing practices of doctors who previously treated the 50-year-old pop star.

The federal Drug Enforcement Agency has also stopped investigating the actions of any other Jackson doctors, agency spokeswoman Sarah Pullen said.

The state investigation included the search of a prescription drug database that tracks doctors who prescribe controlled substances.

The database also monitors the quantity and recipients of those drugs.

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Spector gets credit on wife's album

Imprisoned producer listed in liner notes on Out My Chelle Compares her to Elvis and Rolling Stones

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▶ Rachelle Spector claims her imprisoned hubby Phil produced her new album

In the often weird world of show business marriages, the love story of Phil and Rachelle Spector is among the strangest.

The 70-year-old Spector is a rock music legend imprisoned for the murder of an actress.

His wife, an aspiring singer who just turned 30, is dividing her time between prison visits and promoting her new album, released last month, is billed as the first Phil Spector Production in 30 years. Spector had been retired for decades, and while he did work with the British group Starsailor on their 2003 album, Silence is Easy, they fired him before it was done because of his mood swings and creative differences (two Spector-produced songs made the album).

Some have cast doubt on whether he actually produced Out of My Chelle. It has none of the hallmarks of Spector's famed "Wall of Sound" recording technique, and the songs are lightweight pop and dance numbers without the elaborate arrangements for which he was known.

But Spector insists he produced the record during the three years before he went to trial for the shooting death of Lana Clarkson.

"I was as excited about this album as when I met Elvis or the Stones. It's a gift from me to her."
PHIL SPECTOR

"I was there for recording of all the tracks," he said from prison. "Making that record with Rachelle was one of the greatest experiences of my life."
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for which he is listed as the producer.

For Rachelle, there has been a whirl of clubs, red carpet openings, travel, interviews and recording sessions, all happily reported on her Facebook page. For Phil, there is life in a tiny cell at a prison in Corcoran, Calif., where he lives on hope that his appeal will be granted and he will get a new trial. He was sentenced to 19 years to life behind bars.

But with Rachelle's album, Out of My Chelle, Spector has a chance to jump back into the music world, where he built his Rock and Roll Hall of Fame credentials by producing such acts as the Beatles, Ike and Tina Turner, Cher, the Ramones, and many others.

The album, which was

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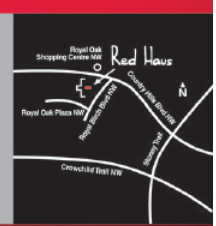

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Mamma mia! Clooney GF in drug scandal

Elisabetta Canalis accused of snorting cocaine in a Milan nightclub famous for prostitution

George Clooney's Italian girlfriend is finding herself wrapped up in a cocaine scandal uncovered by an investigation into the Club, a Milan nightclub, according to Italian newspaper Corriere della Sera.

"I remember taking cocaine with Elisabetta Canalis and two others," model-turned-prostitute Karima Menad says in court documents obtained by the paper.

"We were in the Club and it was December 2007. We had been at a party of some famous, rich celebrity whose name I cannot remember. I don't remember who brought the drugs but we all took it."

The alleged party took place before Canalis met Clooney. The pair started dating in 2009.

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▶ George Clooney's girlfriend Elisabetta Canalis.

Hardy's wild past

Inception star Tom Hardy admits that when he was younger, he wasn't opposed to some same-sex experimentation. "As a boy? Of course, I have. I'm an actor," Hardy tells NOW magazine. "I've played with everything and everyone. I love the form and the physicality. "Now that I'm in my 30s, it doesn't do it for me."

METRO WORLD NEWS

Klein stays in rehab

After completing 30 days in rehab, actor Chris Klein has decided to extend his stay. "Chris, along with his support team, has decided to extend his treatment," his rep tells People magazine. METRO WORLD NEWS

Lohan a prison beauty queen

Lindsay Lohan has been keeping busy behind bar with writing and junk food, according to her lawyer.

"She's good. She's eating some Twizzlers," attorney Shawn Chapman Holley says, according to Hollyscoop. "She looks gorgeous. She's writing a lot. She's creating art. She's a beautiful, talented, creative woman, and she's going to come out and surprise you all."

Lohan could be released as soon as Sunday or Monday, after which she'll head to a mandatory three-month stay in rehab.

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▶ After the latest Mel Gibson scandal Leonardo DiCaprio has reportedly pulled out of a movie directed by Gibson.

Leo nixes film with Gibson

After all the headlines about tensions between Mel Gibson and his ex-girlfriend, Oksana Grigorieva, Leonardo DiCaprio is reportedly pulling out of a planned Viking-themed movie to be directed by Gibson, according to Radar Online.

"Not a chance," a source close to the "Inception" star says. "Leo has earned the right to pick and choose who he works with and Mel Gibson is not one of them."

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METRO WORLD NEWS

Simpson up for American Idol?

Trouble songstress Jessica Simpson may be headed to American Idol, but she won't be taking over for Simon Cowell.

"She's not his replacement — they're two entirely different personalities," a source tells Life & Style magazine.

"This is part of a massive overhaul of the show. There may be more judges, more opinions." Simpson's rep would neither confirm nor deny the reports, saying,

"There is nothing confirmed at this time."

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Sweeten things up with peaches

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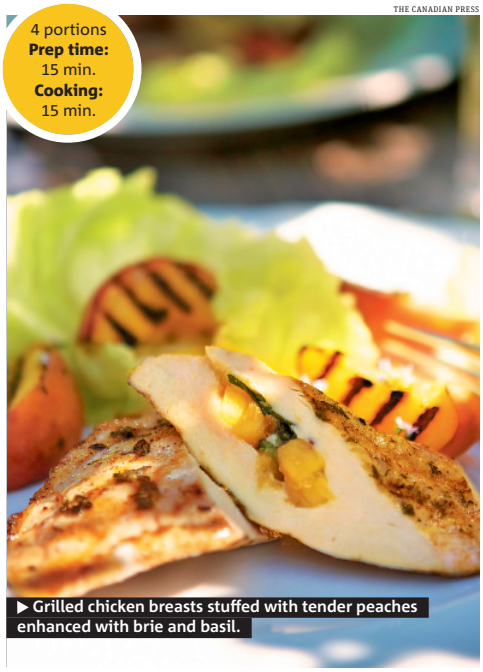

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- 4 skinless, boneless chicken breasts
- 8 basil leaves, washed
- 125 g (4 oz) brie, cut into 4 slices
- 4 bamboo skewers, soaked in water
- Salt and freshly ground pepper, to taste
- You can substitute cinnamon or nutmeg for the cassia and ground ginger can replace the cardamom.

Now that peach season is in full swing, try pairing a few of the luscious orbs with grilled chicken enhanced with slices of soft brie.

Preparation:

1 In a small saucepan over high heat, combine water and sugar. Bring to a boil and then simmer for 1 minute. Add cassia, cardamom, star anise and sliced peaches; bring to a boil and then reduce to a simmer and cook for another 10 minutes. Let cool to room temperature, remove spices and then puree mixture in blender until smooth. Stir in diced peach and set aside.

2 Place chicken breasts on a clean work surface. Using a sharp knife and focusing on one breast at a time, cut a 7.5-cm (3-inch) slit horizontally into one side of the chicken breast to form a pocket. Spread about 30 ml (2 tbsp) of the puree mixture in the pocket of each breast. Then stuff each breast with 2 basil leaves and a piece of brie. In horizontal and weaving fashion, secure each breast with one skewer, then season with salt and pepper.

3 Place chicken on preheated grill and cook for 6 minutes on each side or until internal temperature registers 74 C (165 F). Remove from grill and let rest for 2 minutes before serving with the rest of the peach puree and your favourite summer-inspired garden salad.

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Superfood: Coffee

A coffee a day, keeps Alzheimer's at bay.

A research team led by Dr Arendash from the University of Florida found that drinking up to two cups of coffee a day could halt the development of symptoms related to Alzheimers.

"Our mouse studies, human retrospective studies, and caffeine's ability to directly affect the disease process are all pointing to caffeine slowing or reversing Alzheimer's Disease," says Dr Arendash. The research suggests that the caffeine in coffee prevented the production of protein plaques, a direct cause of the disease.

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Find some recipes that celebrate Canadian produced food

Celebrate Canada on Food Day

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▶ Chef Rod Butters, owner of RauDZ Regional Table restaurant in Kelowna, B.C., focuses on local and regional ingredients for his restaurant's eclectic menu. He feels strongly that the producers are a major force in the success of his menu.

In 2003, amidst the sanction by the U.S. of Canada's beef exports and the dramatic hardship it imposed on this country's agricultural community, it became obvious to at least one committed individual that action was needed.

That summer, renowned culinary activist Anita Stewart of Elora, Ont., founded The World's Longest Barbecue. Thousands of Canadians were encouraged to fire up their grills on the August long weekend and support locally produced foods. The event has continued.

"The huge success of that venture has now evolved into Food Day, an annual mid-summer celebration when we share Canada's rich culinary heritage," says Stewart.

She still encourages Canadians to celebrate with friends and family around the barbecue on the Saturday of the long weekend, which this year is July 31.

But beginning this year, she is also recognizing restaurateurs, suppliers, growers and farmers who will join citizens to showcase the depth and breadth of Canada as a culinary nation.

A very important component of this group are restaurants, she says.

"Who makes the difference in Canadian cuisine?" Stewart asks. "Well, quite often the real changes start with the restaurants across the country."

She contacted restaurateurs and chefs she already knew, and thought if she was lucky she would get 25 or so to participate.

"It became very clear that was not going to be the case. I have 134 really good restaurants signed on," she says with pride.

Stewart says that the establishments she approached and eventually chose "were the ones that walk the walk and talk the talk. They are the ones that give the diner an all-Canadian restaurant experience."

Her list includes restaurants and other food suppliers from all corners of Canada. Every province and one territory is represented.

For example, three Yukon establishments, including Klondike Kate's Restaurant and Cabins in Dawson City, Alpine Organic Bakery in Whitehorse and Inn on the Lake south of Whitehorse are on Stewart's radar.

"So many food people in the boonies have been overlooked, even though they have been labouring in their own little corners of culinary Canada with such passion and utter dedication," she says.

One such eatery that is garnering much attention is RauDZ Regional Table in Kelowna, B.C.

Chef Rod Butters focuses on local and regional ingredients for his restaurant's eclectic menu. He feels strongly that the producers are a major force in the success of his menu.

The focal point of the establishment is a six-metre communal table made of reclaimed Midnight Heart pine. The whole idea is that friends and neighbours enjoy fresh local dishes in a comfortable relaxed space.

"Our patrons have totally embraced regional food," says Butters.

For Food Day, he and his business partner, Audrey Surrao, plan to have a special insert in the menu featuring the harvest of the first summer tomatoes from the area.

"For me, every day is Food Day Canada. It's not something unusual," says Butters. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Food Facts

Here are some fascinating Canadian food facts:

- It may be romantic to think that the earliest Europeans came to Canada for furs to clothe the fashionistas of the day. They didn't. They came for fish. Although Basque galleons hunted whales, it was cod that began the story of this country.
- Canada manufactures 84 per cent of the world's maple syrup. There are more than 30 million taps with roughly 15 million trees tapped in Canada. That's about one tap/spile/spout for each Canadian. Each tap yields about 0.8 litre on average.
- Both Jacques Cartier and Samuel de Champlain noted how corn was heavily relied upon as a food source by First Nations people. When these two men explored and chronicled their voyages, there were many types of corn under cultivation such as Dent, flint, flour, sweet and even popcorn.

Blue Jays deal Wallace to Astros

The Toronto Blue Jays have tried on multiple occasions to obtain Anthony Gose, so when the opportunity finally arose this week, they didn't have any problems blowing up their succession plans at first base to get the 19-year-old centre-fielder.

General manager Alex Anthopoulos parted with gilt-edged prospect Brett Wallace — the heir apparent to Lyle Overbay acquired as part of the Roy Halladay deal last November — to acquire Gose from Houston mere hours after the Astros picked him up Thursday from the Philadelphia Phillies in the Roy Oswalt deal.

76 A second-round pick in 2008, Gose led all minor-league players with 76 stolen bases in 2009.

That the Blue Jays made a deal some 48 hours before Saturday's non-waiver trade deadline came as little surprise, but that Wallace was the player heading out the door was a shocker. Throughout the season it's been a question of when, not if, Wallace replaces free-agent-to-be Overbay, and now he's gone for a player who is likely at least a couple of years away from reaching the majors.

"This was a trade about Anthony Gose," Anthopoulos said on a conference call. "We've really liked this player quite a bit for quite some time."

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▶ Brett Wallace joins his fourth organization since being drafted in the first round by St. Louis in 2008.

Trade: Another Roy, another ace for Phils

Oswalt joins Halladay on reigning National League champions

Three-time all-star Roy Oswalt gave his OK to a trade to Philadelphia from Houston Thursday, becoming the latest ace to join the hard-charging Phillies.

The Astros dealt Oswalt and a sizable amount of cash to the two-time NL champions for pitcher J.A. Happ and two speedy prospects, outfielder Anthony Gose and shortstop Jonathan Villar. Houston then traded Gose to Toronto.

Oswalt joins a rotation that includes star Roy Halladay, acquired from the Blue Jays in the off-season, and Cole Hamels, the 2008 World Series MVP. Oswalt is scheduled to make his debut for the Phillies Friday night, starting at Washington.

"We're trying to do what we can to get back to the World Series and win it," Phillies general manager Ruben Amaro Jr. said.

Big money pitcher

- Oswalt is 143-82 with a 3.24 ERA in 10 seasons with the Astros.
- He is due about $5.33 million US the rest of this season from his $15-million salary and is owed $16 million in 2011.
- Oswalt's contract has a $16-million mutual option for 2012 with a $2-million buyout.

This was the second straight year the Phillies made a major trade for a pitcher in the days leading up to the July 31 deadline. Last season, they got Cliff Lee and he boosted them to another NL pennant — Lee was then sent to Seattle in a separate deal on the same day the Phillies acquired Halladay.

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▶ Roy Oswalt was traded Thursday to Philadelphia from Houston.

First-place Padres get Tejada

The NL West-leading San Diego Padres obtained infielder Miguel Tejada and just more than $1 million US from the Baltimore Orioles Thursday, convinced the 36-year-old can help them in the infield and at the plate.

The Padres gave up double-A right-hander Wynn Pelzer.

"It's a good chance at being in the playoffs and that's always good," Tejada said in Kansas City, where he was scratched from the Orioles lineup before Thursday night's game against the Royals.

4 Tejada hasn't been to the playoffs since the Oakland A's made four straight appearances from 2000 to 2003.

"I think we can have a chance to win."

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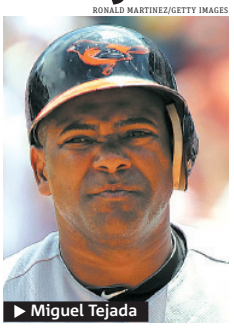

▶ Miguel Tejada

Sports in brief

Rangers add Cantu in deal

MLB. The AL West-leading Texas Rangers added another bat for the stretch, getting third baseman Jorge Cantu from the Florida Marlins Thursday for two minor league pitchers. Cantu hit .262 with 10 home runs and 54 RBIs for Florida.

Elbow surgery for Sheets

INJURY. Athletics right-hander Ben Sheets plans to have surgery soon on his troublesome throwing elbow, something he believes will increase the chance he could pitch again if he so decides.

It won't be this season. He has a torn flexor tendon in the elbow that will be repaired in the operation.

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4 sports

Up and down

Buck Showalter
The two-time AL Manager of the Year was hired to manage the Baltimore Orioles Thursday, his latest rebuilding project in a career full of them.

Ian Kinsler
The Texas Rangers have placed the second baseman on the 15-day disabled list with a strained left groin.

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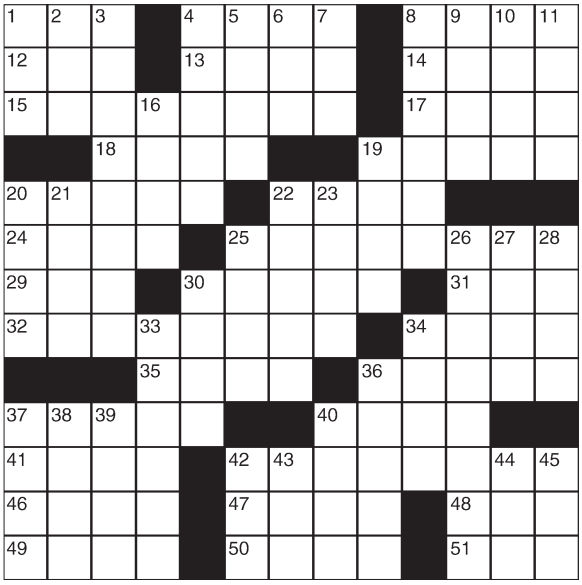
Crossword



Across
1 Mom-and-pop org.
4 Moolah
8 Privy to
12 Water (Fr.)
13 Vicinity
14 "Forget it"
15 Omens
17 Ganges wrap
18 Wilbur's horse
19 Bygone anesthetic
20 Song of sorrow
22 Amorous look
24 Vanished
25 Encroach
29 Suitable
30 Construction site machine
31 Versatile vehicle
32 Barren
34 "A Death in the Family" writer
35 Nitwit
36 Period of decline
37 Piece of parsley
40 Helps
41 Hodgepodge
42 Covered with browned crumbs
46 Options list
47 Genealogy chart
48 Guitar's kin
49 Tosses in
50 Tackles' teammates
51 Stitch

Down
1 Shell-game need
2 Greek cross
3 Increases
4 "The Price Is Right" emcee
5 Dry
6 Witness
7 Owns
8 Marching properly
9 Ark builder
10 Shrek, e.g.
11 Bleak, in Hollywood
16 Incite
19 Otherwise
20 "Zounds!"
21 Bound along
22 Give a speech
23 Hereditary unit
25 Snare
26 First Roman emperor
27 Goblet feature
28 Leak slowly
30 Stop up
33 Hateful
34 "M*A*S*H" star
36 Paddock pops
37 Cell body
38 Begged
39 Peel
40 On in years
42 Noshed
43 Coffee vessel
44 Mamie's man
45 Fresh

▶ Yesterday's answer

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Sudoku

	1			5	8		2	
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7		3		8		1		
			5		6			
		5		9		4		8
8	2		6	1				
								2
	5		4	2			9	

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

9	3	5	7	2	1	6	4	8
6	7	1	3	8	4	9	2	5
2	4	8	5	9	6	1	3	7
8	5	7	9	4	3	2	6	1
3	2	6	8	1	5	7	9	4
1	9	4	6	7	2	8	5	3
7	6	3	1	5	9	4	8	2
4	1	9	2	3	8	5	7	6
5	8	2	4	6	7	3	1	9

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Dear jesse, every day with you feels like the first, so amazing and new. I'm always going to be in love with you. **KARI**

Dear, N, Z and M my beautiful 3 older siblings who have always been there for me thru the pretty and the ugly thank you for the advice thru out the years , I hope we always are this close. **N**

To that VIP person I met at MTCC a month ago.I am very much in love with you!!!!You are my soul mate!!! **ME**

A look at the weather

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Min 12° Max 27°	Min 11° Max 23°	Min 12° Max 21°

Andrew Schultz, Meteorologist
"I get to spread the word on how your day, evening or weekend will shape up with our ever-changing weather here in Alberta". **WEEKDAYS 6AM**

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Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 19 It's not like you to get emotionally worked up but today something or someone will get you raging. Maybe that's a good thing. Maybe you need to let off some steam.

♉ Taurus April 20-May 21 If something goes wrong today you are advised not to take it seriously. Other people may rant and rave and act as if it's the end of the world but it's not even close.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 By all means have high expectations of yourself but don't try to impose those expectations on other people, not even those you think might benefit from a little more direction in their lives.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Today will test your loyalties, both at home and at work, or maybe between home and work. It won't be possible to make everyone happy, so do what makes you happy. That's always the best policy.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 Use your time and energy wisely today, because you don't have as much of either as you would like to believe. Also, when travelling, remember that not everyone thinks or acts as fast as you.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 The urge to spend money may be overwhelming today but you've got to fight it because you are going to need that cash over the next two or three weeks.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Promise yourself that no matter how much certain people may annoy you today you won't overreact. Take your earphones with you and use them to cut yourself off from the world.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Try to avoid situations that confuse you today because no matter which way you look at what's going on it won't make much sense.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Other people won't take kindly to anyone trying to tell them what to do today. Yes, that means you! It may be that you know best but that's not the point — the point is that everyone should be free to make their own mistakes.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 You may be tempted to force an issue that up until now you have left alone but it's unlikely to work. If you push too hard others will push right back at you.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 You will be the center of attention today, hopefully but not necessarily for the right reasons. It will be difficult for you to deny what you've been up to.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 You will have to tighten your belt today and over the weekend, and you may even have to sell off some of those luxury items you bought when times were good so you can make needs meet now. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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